

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An external-character font creation system for creating external-character fonts, the external-character font creation system comprising:

- 5                   a display unit displaying an external-character code registration screen based on an external-character code table that shows a correspondence between an external-character code of an external character to be registered and a master code; and
- 10                   an edit unit registering a master code corresponding to an external-character code in the external-character code table.

2. The external-character font creation system according to Claim 1, the external-character font creation system further comprising:

- 15                   a font selection screen selecting an external-character font of an external-character file to be created based on a correspondence relationship between a master font and an external-character font;
- 20                   a font selecting section selecting a plurality of external-character fonts of the external-character file by using the font selection screen; and
- an external-character file creating section creating an external-character file of the external-character font selected by the font selecting section.
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3. The external-character font creation system according to Claim 1, the external-character font creation system further comprising a character pattern reference file definition table defining a master-font file in which a character pattern defined by the master code is referred to among a plurality of master-font files that are classified into types of designs of external-character fonts.

- 35                   4. The external-character font creation system according to Claim 1, the external-character font creation system further comprising a character pattern

registering section copying a character pattern from a master-font file into an external-character file based on a master code.

5        5.    The external-character font creation system according to Claim 1, wherein the external-character code table lists character patterns in place of master codes.

10       6.    The external-character font creation system according to Claim 3, the external-character font creation system further comprising a character shape confirmation font file storing character patterns which makes it possible to confirm character shapes of master codes, as another master font file.

15       7.    The external-character font creation system according to Claim 3, wherein a master-font file defined within the character pattern reference file definition table is either a master-font file by design type or a symbol master-font file.

20       8.    The external-character font creation system according to Claim 3, wherein a master-font file defined within the character pattern reference file definition table is either a master-font file by design type or a master-font file of a specific design.

25       9.    A program recording medium recorded with a program for making a computer create an external-character font, wherein

             the program recording medium is recorded with a program for making the computer achieve

30            a display function for displaying an external-character code registration screen based on an external-character code table that shows a correspondence between an external-character code of an external character to be registered and a master code, and

35            an edit function for registering a master code corresponding to an external-character code in the external-character code table.

             10. The program recording medium according to Claim 9, wherein

the program recording medium is further recorded with a program for making the computer achieve a font selecting function for selecting a plurality of external-character fonts of an external-character file by using a font selection screen for selecting an external-character font of the external-character file to be created based on a correspondence relationship between a master font and an external-character font; and

an external-character file creating function for creating an external-character file of the external-character font selected by the font selecting function.

11. The program recording medium according to Claim 9 or 10, wherein

the program recording medium is further recorded with a program for making the computer achieve a function of creating a character pattern reference file definition table for defining a master-font file in which a character pattern defined by the master code is referred to among a plurality of master-font files that are classified into types of designs of external-character fonts.